



JACQUART FABRIC PRODUCTS

Bob Jacquart was born and raised in Ironwood, Michigan. While he was growing up he was able to enjoy all of the wonderful happenings that small town America has to offer. Although his business has brought him to many far away and more affluent places, he will always consider himself a small town person with small town values.

In 1971, he started managing his father's sewing repair shop, which at that time had one other employee. His first job was as a sewing machine operator, in which he repaired and made boat covers and duffel bags. In 1983, when the company had six employees and approximately \$150,000 in sales, Bob purchased the company from his father.

In 2001, Bob purchased the manufacturing rights to the Original Stormy Kromer Cap www.stormykromer.com, and is currently expanding the Stormy Kromer Mercantile® product-line to include a full array of outdoor winter-wear. Today, Jacquart Fabric Products, Inc. www.jacquarts.com, employs more than 180 people who manufacture sewn products for a variety of industries, including: marine, trucking, upholstery, apparel and medical along with it's own line of pet products www.petpaus.com.

JFP has been recognized in many industry publications and has received numerous awards for its products, including Consumer Digest's "Best Pet Bed".

Bob is now the president and visionary of Jacquart Fabric Products. He spends the majority of his time working on the fulfillment of the long-term strategic plan for JFP by focusing on the sales and marketing of his beloved company. Bob is also the chairman of the Gogebic Community College Board of Trustees, a member of Northern Initiatives Board of Directors and is a past member of the Federal Reserve of Minneapolis Business Advisory Board.

Bob and his wife, Denise, have two married daughters, and enjoy leisure time at their cabin in Mercer, WI. Bob's mission statement for his life is, "To be a positive role model to his family and community, to be a person of high integrity and ethics, and to always live his life with his cherished small town values."